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DESCENDANTS of CAPTAIN ROBERT SEVIER / of Tenn.
b probably 1749 d 1780

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His ancestors may be found in detail in the book

on Seviars by Zella Armstrong, published 1916. The

Newberry library has a copy.

The following descendants of Captain Robert Sevier
have helped with this compilation:

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First Generation

Valentine Sevier of London, England (arrived Tenn. 1710)

Second Generation

Valentine Sevier, Jr. came to America about 1740 m 1 Catherine -- 2 Joanna Cox
3 Joanna --

Third Generation

- | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. John Sevier, Gov. of Tenn. | |
| 2. Robert Sevier - mortally wounded in battle at Fort Mifflin - m. Catherine | |
| 3. Valentine Sevier | 4. Polly Sevier |
| 5. Joseph Sevier | 6. Mary Ann Sevier |
| 7. Abigail Sevier | 8. Elizabeth Sevier |
| 9. Charles Sevier | 10. Sophia Sevier |
| 11. Catherine Sevier | |

Fourth Generation (children of Capt. Robert Sevier b 1770)

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Major Charles Robertson Sevier b 1797 m Elizabeth Pitt -- m. Catherine |
| 2. Valentine Sevier b July 8, 1760 m 1. Nancy Finwidie 2. Vinera Cannon |

Fifth Generation

children of Maj. Charles:

1. Robert Sevier
2. Valentine Sevier b 1802 or 1801
m. Mary Amanda Murray; lived in
Brownsville, Tenn., Wilford, Texas
3. John Finturff Sevier m
1. Maria Henderson
2. Miss Brickle
3. Sarah Sangster
4. Mary Sevier m Anderson or Hammond
5. Meziak Sevier m Simonton or Symonds
6. Bethenia Sevier m Mr. Brown
7. Catherine Sevier m Mr. Sanford
8. Elizabeth Sevier m Holt & Fitzsimmons
9. Nancy Sevier m Jesse Russell
10. Joseph Sevier m ---
11. Charles Wallace Sevier m --
12. Elbridge Sevier m Louisa --
13. Adam Huntsman Sevier m --

children of Valentine:

1. Esabel Sevier m Francis McCorle
 2. Meziak Sevier m George Jones
 3. Capt. Robert Sevier m 1. Ann Wiley
m 2. Mrs. Maria Bree
 4. Elizabeth Sevier m Rev. John Smith
 5. Charles Sevier d 1844 ; m Elizabeth
Triscoe
 6. Susan Sevier unm
 7. James Sevier m 1 Jane Simpson 2. --
 8. David Sevier m Annie Netherland
 9. Jane Sevier m Mr. James H. Vance
 10. Mr. Wm. Robertson Sevier m 1 Martha Cunningham
2. --
 11. Edward Sevier m Mary Neilson Barrett
 12. Joseph Sevier m Mannie T. Broyles
- children b. 2nd wife:
13. Charles Sevier m Julia B. Brown
 14. Henry Sevier m Roll McCaughey

Sixth Generation (children of Valentine who m Mary Amanda Murray)

1. Robert Sevier
2. Jane Thomson Sevier m James Tichson
3. John Finturff Sevier m Abbie McGee
4. Charles Sevier m Kitty Payne Holt
5. Margaret Elizabeth Sevier m Franklin Wright
6. Bailie Peyton Sevier m Sarah Harlock
7. Francis Alfred Sevier m Susan Doyle
8. Kitty Sanford Sevier m James Hunter
9. Valentine Sevier d in infancy
10. Mary Leonora Sevier m Richard McDonald

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Copy of Newspaper Article published in Knoxville, Tenn. - April 22, 1908

Article entitled "John Sevier" of Knoxville, a descendant of Capt. Robert Sevier, the first Sevier

John Sevier of French Descent

Grandfather was born in Castle Sevier, Lincolnton of Lenoir

Son of Valentine Sevier

Robert Sevier Planned and John Sevier Executed Campaigns

Both at "The Mountain"

Probable French Origin for Robert Sevier's Descendants

"Eugene Sevier, the eldest brother of Robert Sevier, was the direct ancestor of the Seviere of this country. The place of Sevier's birth was Castle Sevier in the kingdom of Lenoir, which is now and has been a province of France since the latter part of the 18th century, with the exception of a few years when it was under the control of the king of Spain.

"The first protestant descendant of Eugene Sevier, was John Sevier in the battle of the IV, under Henry the IV, king of France. After the revocation of the edict of Nantes, the descendants of John moved to Lenoir and adopted the Portuguese mode of spelling the name Sevier. They then moved to Ireland, where Valentine Sevier, the progenitor of the family of Seviere was born about 1670. Trapper in his "Hinter Mountain and Its People", states the story that Valentine Sevier and his brother William ran away from a shipwreck in Ireland, before they were grown, took passage in a vessel for America and landed in Baltimore prior to 1740. Trapper agrees with this. But if the late John Sevier, of Tennessee, is correct as to when Valentine Sevier was born, and Trapper is correct about the ages of the brothers when they left home, Valentine and William Sevier must have arrived in Baltimore prior to 1720. As to this brother William, the writer must confess he never heard of him until he read the mention in Trapper's history.

"Valentine Sevier of Miss Emma Seel, said to have been a native of Baltimore. They settled in that part of Augusta co., Va. that is now known as Shenandoah county, near the town of New Market, where their son John Sevier was born Sept. 12, 1745. Valentine Sevier II was born in 1747 and Robert in 1749. Abraham and Joseph were the other two sons. If there were daughters in the family the writer has been unable to find mention of them in history or tradition.

"Valentine Sevier, Sr. came with his family to the Holston settlements in 1771. He removed in 1772 to the Lenoir settlements and located on a farm on the north side of the Lenoir river, the territory now embraced and known as Hart's ford. It also included the Turkeytown settlement. Valentine Sevier sold this farm to Leonard Hart in the year 1784. Mr. Hart died in 1870. The latter was the great grandfather of Thomas Sevier Hart, who now lives at Lenoir, 5 miles above Johnson City. Mr. Hart is an old man and remembers his great father. He says if John Sevier's first wife was living when the family came to Tenn., she is buried in the grave yard at Turkeytown. The John Sevier farm which John Sevier's was sold to Peter Hinkle and is now in the possession of Peter Hinkle, a lineal descendant.

"Valentine Sevier, Sr. died near Elizabethtown, Tenn., in 1800, aged 100. He was buried in a grave yard on the Lenoir river, about half a mile from where the river empties into the Lenoir river.

"The following letter, the writer never met him. The name of her name is said to be in history, and is very true. Robert was a very superior woman to have furnished so many men of the character of the Civil brothers.

"Robert Sevier, the son of Valentine was living on Holston river when he died. He was the captain of a company of regulars, organized to protect the frontiers from the attacks of the Indians and the band of Tories. He was a man of superior mind, and was far reaching in his plans; was prominent in the councils and wars of the settlements of Watauga and Holston. Tradition says Robert Sevier and John executed the different companies against the Indians and Tories. The first mention of Robert Sevier is in Caswell's annals, as one of the petitioners of the state of N. Car. to annex the Watauga, Holston and Holston settlements as a district of that state. This was called Washington District, and afterwards the Indian name. The petition was sent to the Gov. of N. Car. in 1776. Subsequent mention of Robert Sevier is as "Captain" in the Gov. of N. Car. As captain of the company he was honored of all he surveyed. He was a terror to the Tories and later to the Indians the country at that time. In executing John and James Bradley, the ring leaders, he soon cleared the country of objectionable characters, and by his clear judgment and activity in war and feathering some of the Tories he made it possible for the settlers to give assistance to N. Car. in the war against the British. One of these Tories, who had been given a coat of war and feathers and driven out of the country, afterwards joined Col. Fannin, and proposed to that officer to pilot his British army across the mountains.

"In March 1780, Gen. McDowell called on the officers of the Washington District for assistance against the British army. At a meeting of the militia at the fort in the Watauga settlement, Capt. Robert Sevier was among those selected to go with Colonels Swift and Shelby to the relief of Gen. McDowell. They were in the engagement at Paroleet, when Col. Moore surrendered the fort; they were also in the fight at Cedar Creek and Tusgrove Hills, where decided victories were won. This was in August 1780.

"On receiving a message from Gov. Caswell notifying them of the state's defeat at Camden, and advising them to retreat over the mountains, Shelby and Sevier and other men returned home. In less than a month the officers of the Washington District received Fannin's threatening message thru W. Phillips. Sevier, Shelby, and Goldsborough collected all the available forces they had at Sycamore Shoals on Sept. 25, 1780, and marched to King's Mountain, where on Oct. 7, 1780, the victory was won which eventually caused the surrender at Yorktown.

"It was in the battle that Capt. Sevier lost his life. While stooping over to pick up his ram-rod, he was shot. His brother, Joseph Sevier, assisted him to a spring at the foot of the mountain. A surgeon dressed the wound and advised Capt. Sevier not to undertake the journey home, as it would lessen his chances of recovery. But fearing that if he fell into the hands of the Tories, he would suffer a worse death, Sevier undertook the journey home but within a few days his sufferings were relieved by death. He was buried at the foot of Pine Mountain at a place called "Dribs". The grave of this brave hero is unknown today. A stone monument marks the place where lie his ashes.

"Capt. Sevier left a widow and two orphan boys. In 1872, Andrew Johnson introduced a bill in the House of representatives for the relief of Charles and Valentine Sevier, sons of Capt. Robert Sevier, but the bill was tabled. In 1877 a bill was introduced for all of the descendants of the revolutionary war, and Hon. Stephen A. Hinton made a speech in its favor. The arrangement was in rather a bad light for its war-damaged pension pledges. He voted the resolutions passed by congress in 1778:



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"Resolved, that the resolutions of May 11, 1776, granting half pay for seven years of the officers of the army who should continue in the service at the end of the war, be extended to widows of those officers who have died or shall hereafter die in the service; to commence from the time of such officer's death, or continue for the term of seven years (or, if there be no widow, or in case of death or inter-marriage, the said half pay be given to the orphan children of the officer dying as aforesaid, if he should have left any."

"This was offered on August 21, 1776 and on June 3, 1774 Congress declared: 'That interest of six percent annum shall be allowed to all creditors of the U.S. for supplies furnished or services done for the time when it became due.'

"Has the U.S. forgotten that promise? The writer does not know but if it has not been released the descendants of Capt. Robert Taylor are entitled to the half pay of a captain in the Revolutionary army for seven years, and the interest on that amount for 127 years, which would amount to a considerable sum. Mr. Robert Taylor and some of his descendants will be discussed next week."

The clipping from which the above is copied, was loaned by Mr. Charles A. Taylor of Jackson, Tenn.

Zella Armstrong in letter to Mr. Charles Anderson Sevier 1907:

"I was particularly interested in your reference to your great grand father and his brother running away because Gov. Sevier apprenticed them to a hatter and was cruel etc. Now I have only recently heard the same tradition in a little different form and I know you will be interested. Gov. Sevier's brother, Capt. Robert Sevier, left two sons, Valentine and Charles. Valentine, strange as it may seem, has a son living now and I have recently talked to him. Valentine married a second wife when he was past 90 and this son (whose name like yours is Charles) is no more than 70. That makes it possible for the two lines to cover the period from the Revolution to the present date."

"He told me that Capt. Robert Sevier's widow, Mezhiah Robertson Sevier, who married a Tipton, joined this stepfather in cruelty to the children and that they ran away because of the step father. He said the resulting family discord and unpleasantness have lasted until now. She had children by the Tipton husband who would be this Charles Sevier's half uncles and aunts. The Tiptons were not friendly to Gov. Sevier you know. The Gov. was administrator of the estate and guardian of the children."

Letter from Selden Nelson of Knoxville, Tenn. to Mr. Charles A. Sevier Nov. 24, 1907

"I have nearly completed the descendants of Robert Sevier" (to be published in the Sentinel of Knoxville) "who was killed at the battle of Kings Mt. Oct. 7, 1780, through his son, Valentine who was circuit court clerk of Greene Co., Tenn. from 1824-1854, but have none of Valentine's brother Charles and have been trying to get their address" ---. "My mother was Mary Jones, her mother was Mezhiah Sevier who married George Jones, a merchant of Greenville, Tenn. in 1825. My father was Thomas A. R. Nelson who defended Andrew Jackson in the impeachment trial. --- Uncle Robert Sevier has a son named Charles at Denver, Colo. Grandfather Valentine Sevier has two sons still living, Uncle Edward Sevier who lives at Asheville, N.C. aged 90 years, and Uncle Charles (the second of that name in that family). He is by the second wife and lives at Bristol, Tenn. He is I suppose about 60 years of age."

The following is a newspaper clipping, evidently compiled by Selden Nelson from Sentinel of Knoxville

Descendants of Robert Sevier
 Numerous Families of Today Trace Their Origin to Him
 Headlines: "Old" Valentine Sevier
 Leader in Upper East Tenn. in the Pioneer Days
 Genealogy of Families
 Capt. Robert Sevier was Brother of Gov. John Sevier

"The genealogical article of last Saturday" (see above) "discussed the Sevier family, of which Gov. John Sevier and his brother Capt. Robert Sevier were members. The year of Capt. Robert Sevier's marriage is not positively known. Descendants of his son, Major Charles Sevier, claim the latter was born in 1774; while Mrs. Henley says, in the American Historical Magazine, that Capt. Robert Sevier and Mezhiah Robertson were married about 1776, basing her calculations on the birth of Valentine Sevier, the younger son, which date is known to have been July 8, 1780. She figures the difference between the birth of the children as two years. Mrs. Robert Sevier was a daughter of Major Charles Robertson, of the 'Watauga' settlement.

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"After Capt. Sevier's death, his widow married a Mr. Tipton. Owing to John Sevier's antagonism to that family, and learning that Tipton was not kind to his brother's children, he found a home for Valentine Sevier with John Wilson, the grandfather of A.B. Wilson of Greenville. This was about the year 1790, and the boy remained with Mr. Wilson a few years. He then went to Greeneville, living with David Deaderick and clerking in the gentleman's store.

"The records of Greene county show that Valentine Sevier was deputy county clerk, known then as the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, under David Kennedy, who died 1802. Valentine was elected by the county court as Kennedy's successor and held this office until 1810, when the circuit court was organized. He resigned and was elected circuit court clerk, defeating John Cass by one vote, and held the office until his death in 1854. Some of Sevier's political enemies said of him: 'Old Val was as cunning as a red fox; you might run him a whole night, and then the hounds could not catch or tree him - he would always lose the dogs somehow or other.'"

"Valentine Sevier's records were perfectly kept, and it has been told the writer by some of Mr. Sevier's successors that his records are a pattern of neatness and can be read today, as if it had been written yesterday, altho some of his writing is over 100 years old. He always kept a record of the mas. left in his office. If one was missing, he knew the lawyer who had it last and would call upon him to produce it.

"While Mr. Sevier was the owner of slaves, he did not believe slavery was right. About the year 1840 the question of sending slaves to Liberia and establishing a colony in that country was suggested. -----

"In religion the Seviars have been Presbyterians with very few exceptions."

The above Valentine married Nancy Dinwiddie 1804 had 12 children
m Vinerah Cannon - two sons

A complete genealogy of the Robertson family can be found in Am. Hist. Mag.
published at Nashville, Vol. 3, 1898 written by Mrs. C. F. Henry

The next Saturday issue of the Sentinel discussed the genealogy of Major Charles Sevier, but I have not seen that material

Iscendants of Major Charles Robertson Sevier

Major Charles Robertson Sevier, according to the book by Della Armstrong, was the elder son of Captain Robert and Josiah (Robertson) Sevier. He was born in what is now West Tenn., Green Co., in 1776. He went to Norton county in the early 1820's and was commissioned second major May 11, 1828 in the military department of the country.

He married Elizabeth Witt, who was born about 1785. She was the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Hickbrough) Witt and the younger sister of Charles and Levinia (Witt) of Halifax, Va. The marriage took place in 1807, or 1801 in Greene Co.

It is said that about the year 1793 he went to live with his father's brother, Charles Robertson on the Clinch river. When West Tenn. was opened to settlers, Charles went to Madison Co. and had a farm 4 miles from Jackson, Tenn. A few years after his marriage he moved to Brownsville, Tenn. He served with Andrew Jackson. He was notorious for being head strong. When his sons refused to vote for Jackson, he said, "If you can't vote for Andy after what he has done for us, you need never follow my dear sir," and all but John Pinturf and Valentine left for Texas. Valentine later moved to Texas also. The major was Justice of the Peace in Jackson after the war of 1812. The major was a large man, greatly interested in politics. It is said that he favored James M. Polk for president, and on the day of the election in 1844, he rode into town on a white bull stained with poke berry juice. In 1854, the major decided to join his sons in Texas, but the long trip injured his health so that he died in 1855 at the home of Valentine, near Wilford, Texas. His wife died a few weeks later. He and his wife are both buried near Wilford. Children: Perhaps they are not in the order of their birth. It seems Valentine was the eldest:

- I Robert Sevier
- II Valentine Sevier
- III John Pinturf Sevier
- IV Mary Sevier
- V Josiah Sevier
- VI Bethenia Sevier
- VII Catherine Sevier
- VIII Elizabeth Sevier
- IX Rachel Sevier
- X a daughter
- XI Joseph Sevier
- XII Charles Wallace Sevier
- XIII Albridge Sevier
- XIV Alan Robertson Sevier

Material on the Robertsons, maternal ancestors of Major Charles R. Sevier, may be found in Am. Historical Mag. Vol. 3, 1898 and in other volumes by looking in the index of each. This is the magazine that was published in Nashville, Tenn.

Authority for above information, book by Della Armstrong and letter from Mr. Charles Anderson Sevier dated May 23, 1930.

I-Robert Sevier, son of Major Charles Robertson and Elizabeth (Witt) Sevier, we know nothing about. He was married but we know nothing of his family.

II Valentine Sevier (a well known one in the old days; called Val), son of Charles R. and Elizabeth (Witt) Sevier, was born in Tennessee Co., Tenn. (have doubts it was called that then) Sept. 22, 1801 or 1802. Relatives disagree on the year. His ^{son} ~~son~~ said it was 1802. He died March 2, 1891 and is buried in or near Wilford, Texas.

March 5, 1837, in Huntington, Tenn., he married Mary Amanda Murray, who was Scotch-Irish. She was born July 7, 1817 in Shelbyville, Tenn. and June 27, 1883; is buried near Wilford, Texas. Her parents were Charles Murray and Margaret (Christie) Murray. They probably died in Tenn. before 1853.

Valentine went to California in 1840 and stayed there for some years. He and his wife moved to Brownsville, Tenn. in 1845. He was a lawyer.

educated by the whole for whom he was named. His mother says he was in the Tennessee legislature several times but I have not been able to verify that. He was a cultured, refined, well educated man. I have a great respect for him. He was justice of the peace in Milford. He was a practical farmer and once put a pig down someone's chimney. The book Old Times in West Tennessee by Williams, a copy of which is in the Chicago Public Library, tells some of "Vol's" jokes in town.

Children of Valentine and Mary Amanda Sevier:

1. Robert Sevier b Dec. 7, 1853 & at age of 10 mo.
2. Jane Thomson Sevier b Jan. 5, 1856; m James Dickson Jan. 1849; no children
3. John Finturf Sevier b Feb. 23, 1851; m Abbie McGee Apr. 3, 1857
4. Charles Sevier b Nov. 27, 1855; m Kitty Laynee Holt Jan. 14, 1865
5. Margaret Elizabeth Sevier b Dec. 30, 1856; m Franklin Wright Jan. 20, 1856
6. Bailie Peyton Sevier b Feb. 21, 1859; m Sarah Harlock May 5, 1866
7. Francis Alfred Sevier b Dec. 1857; m Susan Foyle Sept. 6, 1871
8. Kitty Sanford Sevier b Nov. 6, 1858; m James Hunter Aug. 29, 1866
9. Valentine Sevier still born Oct. 10, 1849
10. Mary Leonora Sevier b Jan. 21, 1852; m Richard McDonald Apr. 29, 1874

3 John Finturf Sevier, son of Valentine and Mary Amanda Sevier, grandson of Major Charles, was born Oct. 23, 1851 and married Abbie McGee April 3, 1857. For awhile they were in Hill country, Texas, then moved to Texas. They had 12 children, including two pairs of twins. These are all the children we can name: John was a good looking man.

- (1) Oscar Valentine Sevier b April 5, 1853 Ellis co., Tex. married, no children
- (8) Guy (2) Charles Edgar Sevier b Aug. 7, 1859 & Nov. 1, 1861
- (9) Ernest (3) Helen Norwood Sevier ("Hollie") b Jan. 19, 1861 m Will Harmon
- both in (4) Lena Sevier b Feb. 23, 1863 Ellis co., Tex. married; children - Earl, Ellie, Ernest
- Milford in (5) Ray Sevier b Jan. 13, 1867 married; had 2 daughters; husband Mr. Carnahan
- 1937 (6) John Sevier died young
- (7) George Sevier married; children - Gilbert & Abbie, Guy, James, Edward, Ernest
- George is living in London, Texas

4 Charles Sevier, son of Valentine and Mary Amanda Sevier, grandson of Major Charles Sevier, was born Nov. 27, 1855, and m his cousin, Kitty Laynee Holt, daughter of Elizabeth Sevier Holt. The marriage took place Jan. 14, 1865. Children:

- (1) Robert Murray Sevier b Jan. 27, 1873 in Grayson co., Tex. died young
 - (2) Charles A. Sevier, post master in Sherman, Texas. He used to correspond with Dr. Charles Anderson Sevier of Jackson, Tenn. but did not answer my letter
- I'm not sure whether his middle initial is S. or A.

5 Margaret Elizabeth Sevier (called Madge), daughter of Valentine and Mary Amanda Sevier, was born in Huntington, Tenn. Dec. 30, 1856. With her parents she moved to Clarksville, Texas in 1882 and to Milford in 1884. It was there she met and married Franklin Wright Jan. 20, 1881. He was the son of Arvin and Catherine (Covter) Wright, who had lived in Salem, Ind. before moving to Milford in 1852. In 1882 Frank sold his farm near Milford and moved the family to Nico. In 1884 they went on west to Jones, Co., arriving April 14. That move was made to benefit Madge's health but proved disastrous financially because the stock died in that semi-arid country for lack of grass and there was seldom enough rain to produce a good crop. They used to set the crop in and then travel in a covered wagon, carrying it, until time to harvest. The rest always improved Madge's health, but she was never well. We think now she was probably anemic. She died June 27, 1895. Her husband died April 1, 1896. Both are buried in Anson, Texas. Children:

- (1) Clarence Wright died when young
- (2) Clarence Leslie Wright b Jan. 12, 1868 m Mona Morris see below
- (3) twins, a daughter who died in infancy and
- (4) Walter Franklin Wright b Feb. 15, 1862 married Pauline Jones see below
- (5) Mabelle Wright & at age of 5 yrs.
- (6) daughter still born 1868
- (7) Mary Ellen Wright b Apr. 11, 1870; m Rev. Samuel L. Waldrop see below
- (8) Emmell Pearl Wright b 1872 & 1875 of membranous croup

(2) Clarence Leslie Wright, son of Frank and Ladge Wright, grandson of Valentine and Mary Amanda Exvier, was born near Wilford, Texas Jan. 12, 1860 and is now living in Anson, Texas. ~~He married~~

He married Tess Harris in Anson Jan. 17, 1877. She was the daughter of Parks Harris and Marian Elizabeth (Callender) Harris, and was born July 22, 1873 in Prairieville, Graham Co., Texas. She died in her Anson home Jan. 11, 1931 from a fall. Perhaps a sudden stroke caused the fall, we do not know. She broke her hip in the fall.

With his parents, Clarence moved to Anson in 1884, when the country was new. Clarence was a rural mail carrier until some time between 1911-12, when delivery by auto was started, and he felt the salary would not cover expenses. He then joined the local post office and worked until a serious gonorrheic operation caused him to stop.

Children:

A- Clarence Franklin Wright b Sept. 14, 1904

B- Alice Yates Wright b Sept. 31, 1906

C- Marian Ellenore Wright b June 22, 1908

two daughters died in infancy

A- Clarence Franklin Wright (see above) was b in Anson, Texas Sept. 14, 1904. He was with the Yates 1925-26. He worked in the bank in Anson. Few more than 10 years he has been with the Barton Kings Lumber Co. in Atascadero, Ariz., Amarillo and Abilene, Texas. He is

B- Alice Yates Wright (see above) was b in Anson, Texas Sept. 31, 1906. The Yates in her name came from some neighbors. She has attended Texas Women's College in W. Fort and Canyon Texas Normal. She is a school teacher. She taught for several years in New Texas. During the Chicago Century of Progress fair, she and Marian spent their vacation with us in Chicago.

C- Marian Ellenore Wright (see above) was b in Anson, Texas June 22, 1908. She taught a country school in Haskell Co., Texas; attended Trinity U. in Dallas, Texas 1925-27; took a business course in W. Fort at Wentley Branch, and has since then been in the field of business. She has held positions in W. Fort, Oklahoma City and Dallas, Texas, and is now in Hollywood, Cal.

(3) Walter Franklin Wright, son of Frank and Ladge Wright, grandson of Valentine and Mary Amanda Exvier, was b near Wilford, Texas Feb. 12, 1862. He has spent most of his adult life in Anson, where he moved with his parents in 1884.

He married Fannie Jones Feb. 10, 1900. She was b Oct. 13, 1876 and is the daughter of Daniel Harrison Jones and Callie Rebecca Jones.

Uncle Walter has held county offices in Anson several times. About 1929 he and his wife moved to Del Rio, Texas where he is operating a general store.

Children:

a daughter died in infancy

A- Floss Ellenore Wright b Sept. 17, 1902 m Arthur Brady see below

B- Margaret Rebecca Wright b Nov. 21, 1905 m John Lindsey " "

A- Floss Ellenore Wright (see above) was born in Anson, Texas Sept. 17, 1902. She was graduated from Park College, Parkville, Mo. in 1925; taught school in Grand Hills, Texas; then m Arthur C. Brady Jan. 18, 1927. He is the son of a coal miner.

(1) Pauline Louise Brady (Walt; Mrs) b Spring of 1927

B- Margaret Abbott Wright (see above) was born in Anson, Texas Nov. 21, 1903. She was educated from 1911 to 1914 in Anson. She lived one year in Grand Falls, Texas and later in Dallas, Tex. She married John Lindsay Dean Anson. He is the son of J. Frank Lindsay and Cora Lindsay. Her first and John were born in Dallas, Texas. John, a law student, took his civil law in Philadelphia. They live in Dallas and have one son, and they expect to have more, where they now are. Children:

- (1) James Wright Lindsay in Philadelphia Nov. 27, 1928
- (2) Mary Jean Lindsay in Dallas April 12, 1930

Her husband and she were married in Dallas in 1928 and have one son. The son, James Wright Lindsay, was born.

(6) and Ellenora Wright, daughter of John and Mary Wright, grandchild of Valentine and Mary Sevier, was born near Dallas, Texas Aug. 11, 1900.

She married Samuel Forrest Waldrop in Anson July 5, 1923. He is the son of William Carroll Waldrop and Rosa of Dallas, Texas. He was born in Dallas, Texas. He is a Presbyterian minister and has served churches in the states of Texas, Indiana, and Illinois.

With her parents, Ellenora went to Anson in 1923 and lived in Anson in 1924. She attended the country school and Dallas for Dallas, Dallas, Tex. 1922-29. It was there she met her husband. After graduation from college, she taught music (piano) in Terrell, Texas.

Children:

- A- Ethel Eliza Waldrop in Big Springs, Texas Apr. 27, 1925 see below
- B- Mary Forrest Waldrop in Belcher, Tex. Feb. 22, 1926 "
- C- William Franklin Waldrop in Elberton, Ind. Apr. 2, 1928 "
- D- Margaret Ellenora Waldrop in Dallas, Tex. Dec. 21, 1929 "
- E- Armine Wright Waldrop in Seymour, Texas Feb. 17, 1930 "

A- Ethel Eliza Waldrop (see above) was born in Big Springs, Texas April 27, 1925. She was educated from 1931 to 1934 in Dallas, Texas; attended Taylor U., Lawtonville, Texas, 1931-32; and went to school in Seymour and Jackson, Texas. She was primary teacher in Martinsville, Ill. She attended various summer sessions of school in Normal, Ill. June 24, 1932 in Grand Falls, Ill. She is the daughter of Oliver and Mark and Sencie (Sharp) Mark. Her maternal grandparents were John Mark and Mary Ellen (Cowden) Mark. Her paternal grandfather was John Sharp. The family lives in Martinsville, Ill., where they are the owner of a drug store. Children:

- (1) Mary Ellen Mark in Martinsville, Ill. Dec. 22, 1932
- (2) William Franklin Mark in Martinsville, Ill. Oct. 24, 1933
- (3) Carolyn Louise Mark in Martinsville, Ill. Dec. 22, 1933

B- Mary Forrest Waldrop (called Mary F.) was born Feb. 22, 1926 in Belcher, Texas, where her father was conducting theological seminary. She married Richard Doolittle Atcherson in Belcher, Ill. June 2, 1932. He is the son of Dr. Perry Houston Atcherson and Belle (Doolittle) Atcherson of Iowa, Ill.

She finished high school in Belcher, Ill., received an A.B. degree from Park College, Parkville, Mo. 1932. She is a Methodist and Episcopalian in Belcher, Ill. School 1932-33. After marriage, moved to Chicago, where her husband is in the practice of medicine in 1935. Children:

- (A) Harold Armine Atcherson in Chicago, Ill. Dec. 2, 1933

C- William Franklin Waldrop (see above) was born Apr. 2, 1928 in Elberton, Ind. He is now living in Elberton, Ind. He is the son of William and Mary. He has not yet announced the marriage until he has been married. He is the son of Dr. Perry Houston Atcherson and Belle (Doolittle) Atcherson of Iowa, Ill.

William attended the University of Iowa for one year, and then went 2 years to Joseph Millikin U. in Decatur, Ill., getting his degree in music. He has taught public school music in Marshall, Minn., Chloa, Ill., and Mt. Vernon, Ind. and is now working for his Master's degree in the U. of Iowa. No children

I- Margaret Ellenora Waldrop, (see above) was born in Falls Creek, Pa. Dec. 31, 1909.

She married Robert William Metzger July 14, 1932 in Marion, Ill. His parents are Philip Charles Metzger and Martha Mae (Palmer) Metzger, of Chicago.

Margaret attended Park College for 1 year, then took a business course at Moser's in Chicago. She worked for Casper's Tin Plate Co. for several years. They live in Chicago.

E- Armine Wright Waldrop (see above) was born in Seymour, Texas Feb. 17, 1912.

She m Thomas Stanfield June 24, 1933 in Wilmington, Ohio - had to keep the marriage secret about 6 mo. because she was teaching.

Armine is a graduate of Blackburn Junior College, in Carlinville, Ill. She attended Normal in Carbondale for 1 year and took her last year at Ill. State U. in Urbana, Ill. She clerked in Marshall Field's, Chicago for 13 mo., then taught in Lincoln Ill. H.S. for 18 mo., and is now Home Advisor for Pelett co., Clinton, Ill.

6- Bailie (or Tayley) Peyton Sevier (called "Pate") ; son of Valentine and Mary Amanda Sevier was b Feb. 21, 1859 near Buntington, Tenn. Died Sept. 12, 1923 near Goldthwaite, Tex. and is buried in Bethel Cemetery there. He d from apoplexy.

May 5, 1866 he m Sarah Elizabeth Harlock, dau of Newton and Nancy Harlock. Sarah was b July 15, 1849 somewhere in Ky., and moved with her parents to Johnson co., Tex. in 1855. Sarah d June 25, 1921 and is buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Goldthwaite, Tex. Her death was caused by malarial fever.

With his parents, Great Uncle Peyton moved to Clarksville, Tex. in 1852 and to Milford in 1854. He grew to manhood there; spent 4 yrs. in the Cavalry during the Civil war. In 1879, he and his wife and children moved to a farm 7 miles N.W. of Goldthwaite, in what was then Hamilton co. but is now Mills co. The latter was organized 1887.

Children:

- (1) Claude Trict b Aug. 26, 1872 see below
- (2) Ellis Murray b Jan. 2, 1874 (Aunt Mollie McDonald says)
- (3) Fred Waldon b 1876 (Peyton - her brother @ was)
- (4) Mary Amanda Sevier (Mollie) b May 17, 1879 (born 1840)
- (5) Coley Otis Sevier b June 27, 1866

(1) Claude Trict Sevier (see above) was b Aug. 26, 1872 near Mansfield, Johnson co., Tex. He was of a roving disposition, a soldier of fortune, never married. He was reported killed by dynamite blast in a Union Pacific Railway tunnel Sept. 17, 1900. Said to be buried close to the mouth of the tunnel near Aspen, Colo. see my grandparents in Anson Jul. 1900. With some cow boys, he stopped to

(2) Ellis Murray Sevier (see above) was b Jan. 2, 1874 near Mansfield, Johnson co., Tex. He m Alma Stephenson in 1894. She was the dau of Fessie (Martin) and M. Stephenson, near Indian Gap, Hamilton co., Tex. Alma d from flu-pneumonia in 1919, was buried near her parents in the cemetery at Comanche, Tex. Ellis is living near Goldthwaite, engaged in stock raising. Children:

(A- Mollie Barbara Sevier b Sept. 5, 1896 m Evan McSwire; they live in Comanche, where they own and operate a drug store; he is a graduate pharmacist. Mollie is a nurse

(3) Fred Waldon Sevier b 1876; d from pneumonia; buried in Mansfield on day he would have been 1 yr. old

(Great Uncle Poyt was a smart man)

(4) Mary Amanda Sevier (Mollie) (see above) was b. Apr. 27, 1875 near Anson, Ark. About 1898 - Daniel Roberts Bates. They live near Goldthwaite, Tex. She has been doing a lot of street work, she is a professional dress maker.

(5) Coley Otis Sevier (see above) was b. June 27, 1836 near Goldthwaite, Tex.

Oct. 31, 1928 he m. Ida Elizabeth Langlitz, dau of Adolph and Nottie Langlitz.

He served from Sept. 19, 1917 to June 19, 1919 in U.S. Army during the World War. From Oct. 3, 1918 to Nov. 11, 1918 he was in active service, was in the battles of Meuse-Arnonne, Aisne river and on the Verdun front. He was with Detachment Co. F 111th Ammunition Train 58 Div. Serial No. 1506490. He is now living near Goldthwaite, engaged in stock farming. While in France, he saw the name Sevier on a bulletin board in Commune Pavry, State of Aube.

The material on the line of Peyton Sevier was furnished by his son, Coley Sevier.

7- Francis Alfred Sevier, son of Valentine and Mary Amanda Sevier, was b. in Dec. 1842. He m. Susan Doyle. Sept. 6, 1871. Children:

- (1) John Valentine Sevier b. June 25, 1872 d. ym.
- (2) Francis Sevier
- (3) Mary Sevier m. died without children - Lavaca, Tex.
- (4) Della Sevier m. now deceased
- (5) Cassie Sevier m. " "
- (6) Marcus Sevier m. lived near Sublime, Tex. had a dau, Gracie & a son in Houston

8- Catherine Sanford Sevier (Kitty), dau of Valentine and Mary Amanda Sevier, was b. Nov. 6, 1845 and m. James Hunter Aug. 29, 1866. He was in the Civil war. Children:

- (1) Claude Hunter died young (The Hunter family lived in Anson a long time)
- (2) Minta Hunter b. Mar. 17, 1874 Mill co., Tex. m. Mr. Hooks, living in Shafter & Salinas, Cal.
- (3) Valentine Hunter was in Houston, Tex. awhile
- (4) Gaspar Hunter m. now deceased (This was the only one of the family I ever saw. He visited us while we were in Vanlin, Tex.)
- (5) Knox Hunter m. now deceased; his son Jesse is in the Navy, 2 dau living in Taylor, co., Tex. near Hawley

10- Mary Leonora Sevier (Mollie), youngest child of Valentine and Mary Amanda Sevier, was b. Apr. 21, 1852, and is still living in Cal. b. in Madison co., Tenn.

She m. Richard McDonald Apr. 29, 1874; he was a native of Ark. but they met in Milford. He is deceased.

Great Aunt Mollie's mother died when she was 13, and she lived with her sister, Madge Sevier Wright. for 6 or 7 years. She moved from Anson to Cal. in 1911. The last address I have is 3208 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (1937) Children:

- (1) Maurice Valentine McDonald b. Feb. 13, 1875; killed in the army in Mexico April 11, 1914 called "Bump" because he was short
- (2) Ethel Vivian McDonald b. June 16, 1876; d. June 30, 1877
- (3) Mary Estelle McDonald b. Feb. 15, 1878; m. James Peterson
- (4) Edna Fay McDonald b. Nov. 9, 1879 m. James Terryman
- (5) Frank LeRoy McDonald b. Sept. 6, 1881; killed in fall from scaffold while painting April 1, 1903
- (6) Randolph McAdden McDonald b. Dec. 9, 1882; d. Nov. 26, 1885
- (7) Reginald Minor McDonald b. Sept. 2, 1884
- (8) Carl Eugene McDonald b. Sept. 10, 1886; m. Anna Jacobson
- (9) Mollie Inez McDonald b. Mar. 1, 1889; d. Apr. 7, 1891
- (10) Minta Lucie McDonald b. July 27, 1891; m. Gerald Corliss
- (11) Madge Lee McDonald b. Jan. 24, 1894; m. Lester Holit
- (12) Ariel Arna McDonald b. Feb. 3, 1897; m. Donald Barton

(3) Wanda Estelle McDonald (see above) was b. 11.12.1873 near Wilford, Tex.

She m. ^{James} Samuel Peterson Oct. 5, 1897. He was b. near Wilford, Tex. He is a painter. He is around the age of 50 in 1915.

Wanda took a course in cooking. Children:

A- James Leroy Peterson b. 11.28.1901; m. 1915; has a son b. Feb. 5, 1936

B- Reginald Clarence Peterson b. Los Angeles, Cal. Nov. 25, 1910. He is in the Navy. He was radio operator on the Panay and was cited for bravery when it was sunk by the Japanese in Chinese waters about two years ago.

(4) Wanda May McDonald (see above) was b. Nov. 9, 1879 near Wilford, Tex. She m. James Perryman Jan. 1, 1900. He was b. near Little Rock, Ark. Dec. 7, 1877. He is a cement worker. Wanda d. Dec. 1934. Children:

A- Lyle Sevier Perryman b. Dec. 3, 1900; m. Mary Harret

B- Ale Perryman b. Aug. 14, 1902; m. Henry Peterson, a latimer *or Jan. 1, 1899*

C- Lulu May Perryman b. Jan. 12, 1904; m. Joe Farnell *July 21, 1902 Harrington, Wash*

D- James LeRoy Perryman b. Mar. 26, 1906; m. Ila Fulton *Mar. 26, 1908 Louisville, Al*

(5) Reginald Minor McDonald (see above) was b. in Anson, Tex. Sept. 2, 1904. He is not married, is called Rex; lives with his sister Wanda.

(6) Carl Eugene McDonald (see previous page) was b. near Anson, Tex. Sept. 10, 1906. He m. Emma Jacobson July 6, 1920. Address 1934- 1191 N. Cedar, Glendale, Cal. Children:

A- Richard Eugene McDonald b. Oct. 13, 1922

B- Edward Joseph McDonald b. Sept. 14, 1924

C- Wallace LeRoy McDonald b. April 8, 1927

D- John Sevier McDonald b. Mar. 22, 1930

(10) Minta Lucie McDonald (see previous page) was b. near Anson, Tex. July 27, 1901. She m. Harold Farling, an electrician, Oct. 22, 1915. He was b. in Santa Cruz, Cal. Jan. 11, 1890. Address 19 - 2643 Ave., Oakland, Cal. Children:

A- Harold Eugene Farling b. Feb. 27, 1918

B- Geraldine Farling b. Oct. 1919

(11) Margaret Lee McDonald (called Madge) (see previous page) was b. Jan. 24, 1901 near Anson, Tex. She m. Foster L. Boldt Apr. 15, 1916. He is the proprietor of an ice cream parlor and candy shop. He was b. in Berkeley, Cal. Feb. 15, 1891. Address, Box 234, Escalon, Cal. Children:

A- Foster William Boldt b. Feb. 28, 1918; now in the Navy

B- Harold Lee Boldt b. Oct. 1921

(12) Ariel Erma McDonald (see previous page) was b. Feb. 3, 1897 near Anson, Tex. She m. Donald Wharton Nov. 1, 1915. He is a salesman; was b. Sept. 10, 1895 near Atlanta, Ga. They live in Cal. Children: *San Francisco*

A- Donald Gardiner Wharton b. Aug. 2, 1917

B- Richard Bruce Wharton b. Jan. 22, 1919

III John Einturf Sevier, son of Major Charles and Elizabeth Sevier, was b. Jan. 23, 1807 and d. 1865.

His first wife was Maria Henderson, sister of Congressman Thomas J. Henderson of Princeton, Ill. His second wife was Miss Brickle, and his third, Sarah McMaster.

He seems to have been the only son who remained in Tenn. all his life. He went to Brownsville. He served 14 years (two years each term) as sheriff and was not more than half a man. Before the Civil War, he was rich, with the slaves and the land on the side of the town square, but that was burned during the war. Children: 1. His first wife

(3) Thomas Vandiver, Jr. b. about 1811 unmarried

4-John Briddle Sevier called "Doc" b. 1811; no children; he d. 1871

5-James Sevier & Catherine Anderson of Cedar Falls, Iowa; no children;
 His mother says he lived with his half sister, Amanda in 1897 and a sister's brother, Clarence Wright, several times

6- Robert Wallace Sevier & his cousin, Edith Ann Sangster

(1) Robert Wallace Sevier, Jr. now is in U.S. Navy

(2) Mary Sevier & John A. Rose

A- Joanna Adela Rose lives in Knoxville, Tenn.

(3) Elder Sevier & Estelle Volvinton, lives in Paris, Tenn.

A- Fannie Sangster Sevier

B- Mary Edith Sevier

7 Jane Sevier, dau of John Tipton and Sarah Sangster, m. Urbain Day; no children

8 Mary Catherine Sevier m. Dr. Thomas Potter of Knoxville, Tenn.

(1) Thomas Potter, Jr. is a paper man in Houston, Texas

(2) Mary Potter m. Fred Price, an architect and contractor of Houston, Texas

A- Viola May Price

There are 2 more children

Dr. C.A. Sevier of Jackson, Tenn. was kind enough to give the information on the above.

IV Mary Sevier, dau of Major Charles E. and Elizabeth Sevier, m. Anderson and lives in Mo., according to Miss Armstrong. Her niece, Hollie McDonald, says she m. a Dr. Hammond

1. Marie

2. Ivy her body was brot from Cal. to Jackson, Tenn. for burial in 1938

V Hesiah Sevier, dau of Major Charles Sevier, m. Simonton and lived in Purdy, Tenn., according to Miss Armstrong. Aunt Hollie McDonald says she m. Spence

VI Botthemia Sevier, dau of Major Charles Sevier, m. a Mr. Brown and moved to Texas Aunt Hollie McDonald says Mr. Brown was her second husband

VII Catherine Sevier, dau of Maj. Charles Sevier, m. a Mr. Sanford and went to Texas

1. Mary Ann Sanford

2. Eliza Sanford

VIII Elizabeth Sevier m. Mr. Holt and Mr. Fitzgibbons Children:

1 William Holt

2 Thomas Holt

3 Mary Ann Holt

4 Katherine Mayne Holt (Nitty) m. her cousin, Charles Sevier, son of her Uncle Valentine Sevier

5 James Elbridge Fitzgibbons; he has dropped first part of name and is now called Gibbons; lives in Purcell, Okla.; m. Minnie Murray, a niece of the Mary Ann's Murray who m. James' Uncle Valentine Sevier

A- a son who was speaker of the House in Okla.

IX Nancy Sevier, dau of Maj. Charles Sevier, m. Jesse Russell of Jackson, Tenn. Dr. Charles Anderson Sevier of Jackson has her photograph. She was the first woman to marry in Jackson after the town was founded in 1821

1 Robert Russell was Capt. in Mexican War, Col. in Civil War

2 Jesse Russell, Jr. was in both the Civil and Mexican wars

(1) Charles Russell

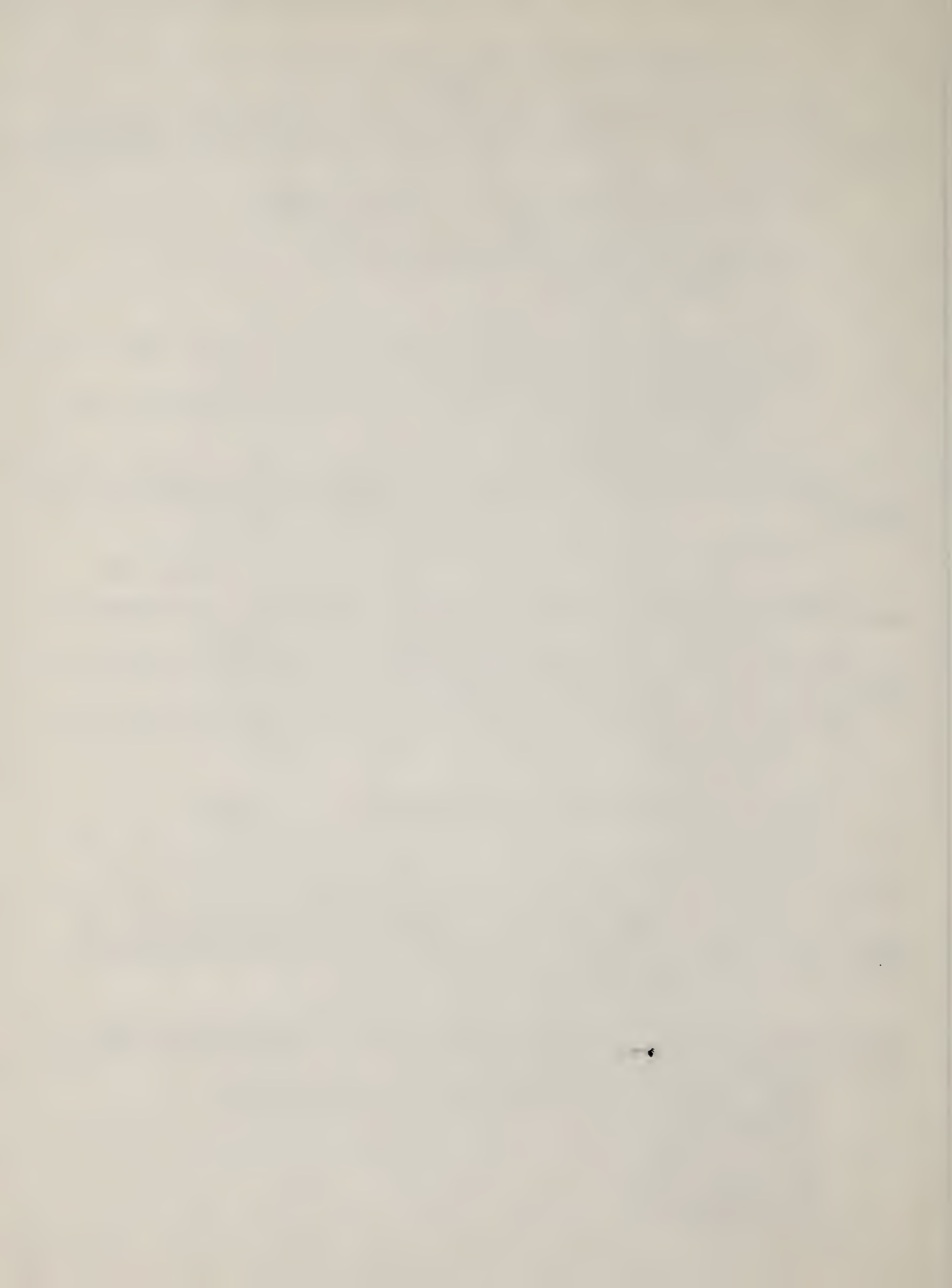
(2) Lucy Russell

(3) Leighton Russell

(4) Milburn Russell

(5) Betty Russell

3 John Russell



X Joseph Sevier, son of Major Charles Sevier, was

1 Nancy Sevier m. Mr. Terrel

(1) Victoria Terrel

2 Margaret Sevier

3 Charles Henry Sevier

XI Charles Colloca Sevier, son of Maj. Charles Sevier, went to Texas

1 George W. Sevier was living in Milford, Texas in 1937, age 67

2. has a son near Italy, Texas

"MR. JOHN SEVIER OF BROWNSVILLE DIES IN HIS PRIME"

"Oldest Practicing Physician in Harwood County Succumbs"

"Mr. John H. Sevier, 73, oldest practicing physician of Brownsville and a brother of Dr. Charles Sevier of Jackson, died at 2:40 a.m. today, at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis following a stroke suffered three weeks ago.

"Mr. Sevier had been a physician at Brownsville for more than 45 years. He was a native of Brownsville and studied medicine at Nashville and in New York City.

"He was a member of the Methodist church at Brownsville and had been active in civic enterprises for a number of years. Funeral services will be conducted at Brownsville Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

"Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lee Sevier; two sons, Mr. Jack and Dr. Charles Sevier of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Miss Ira A. Sevier and Mrs. Julia Livingston of Brownsville, and a brother, Dr. S. H. Sevier of Jackson.

"Mr. Sevier's death occasions much genuine sorrow throughout Harwood county where his patients had known to love him for his devotion to them and to his tenderness towards suffering humanity. There was scarcely a home in Harwood county where he had not served either as a family physician or a consulting physician. He was regarded as unusually well endowed by nature and by education for the practice of his profession and was outstanding among the physicians of Tenn.

"When his health broke a year or more ago and he was forced to remain in his room, his patients would come to his home for examinations and prescriptions, and he did a splendid practice ever after he suffered his first serious illness.

"His intent was to upon the alleviation of suffering and the restoration of health to his patients that he gave little thought to the question of whether or not he would ever be paid, and so kind and generous was his spirit that he did a great deal of charity work, giving as much attention to these cases as he did to any of his more substantial patients.

"Having been a visitor to the home of his brother here, Dr. Sevier was known to a number of Jacksonians, all of whom will be grieved to hear of his passing, but thankful that his life was spared for so many years and that suffering humanity was so greatly benefited by his skill and care."

Obituary loaned by the brother, Dr. Charles A. Sevier of Jackson

The following tribute to Dr. John H. Sevier was printed by the Editor of "The Graphic" - H. W. Stratton (loaned by Dr. C. A. Sevier)

Dr. John Sevier

"When the physical life of Dr. John H. Sevier ended, and his spirit passed from among those he loved, and to whom he gave half a century of unselfish service, this community sustained a loss that cannot be expressed in words.

"Endowed with a brilliant mind, he devoted it to his profession; and his skill in medicine, his sparkling wit, and the tender sympathy of his kindly soul, made his presence a blessing in homes that affliction touched.

"Loving God, Dr. Sevier of course loved the handiwork of his Master, and this was especially shown in his love of birds and flowers, in the knowledge of which he was a recognized authority.

"The writer who pens these lines, and who deeply regret his inability to express the love that prompts them, enjoyed the privilege of an intimate friendship with 'Dr. John', and is grateful for the enrichment of his life because of that association.

"The day on which the tired body of this gentle man was laid to rest was a day in which his heart would have delighted. The April sun shone down as if it were a benediction from heaven, and at his home and in the cemetery his feathered friends poured out their songs from every tree.

"His passing brings sorrow to the hearts of thousands, for his gentle ministrations were a comfort alike to the high and the low, the rich and the poor.

"In the things of life that really count, Dr. Sevier was a great man. He was one who

'Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything.' "

grand

This Dr. John Sevier was a/son of John Tinturf Sevier and Sara Sangster
 " " " " " a son of Dr. Charles Henry Sevier and Cora Edwin
 Anderson

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THE MURRAY, A Family Allied with the Seviers

Charles Murray was married 3 times; his 1st wife was Margaret Christie we do not know the name of the other 2. Probably both Margaret and Charles Murray were dead before 1882 when their eldest daughter moved to Texas.

Children by first wife:

1. Mary Amanda Murray m Valentine Sevier

2. James Alfred Newton Murray m Anelia --, who was 1/4 Indian. They had 4 or 5 children, lived near Clarksville, Texas. The children died when they were young and the parents both died about the same time

3 Francis Murray m Margaret --, a sister of Alfred's wife. She was 1/4 Indian and the last name was something like "branch". They lived in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). They had several children, but we can only name 2 -

(1) Minnie Murray m Elbridge Fitzgibbon, a son of Minnie's Aunt Elizabeth Sevier

4 & 5 two daughters who I don't recall

6 Jane Murray m William Gill; they lived in Red River County, Texas

(1) William Gill, Jr. moved to Paris, Texas

7 Fannie Murray m Fr. Alfred Henderson. They lived near Honey Grove, Texas (Tarrant Co.) but moved to Sulphur Springs, Texas in the early 70's

(1) Robert Murray Henderson m --

(2) William Henderson m --

(3) Thomas Henderson m --

(4) Alfred Henderson m --

(5) Margaret Jane Henderson never married

by the 2nd wife, there were 4 children; all we know are:

8 Chamberlain Murray

9 Lina Murray

The above information was given by Mrs. Mary Sevier McDonald, the youngest child of Mary Amanda Murray and Valentine Sevier (see 1 above)

Outline of Descendants of the Valentine Sevier who was a son of Captain Robert Sevier, as given in the Register of Knoxville, Tenn. 1892, by Selma Nelson (The following is condensed into outline form and has not been compared with the Zella Armstrong book)

Valentine m Nancy Firkiddie 1804 and Fingers Cannon, dau of Lyman & Bell Cannon of Tullahoma, Tenn.

Children by 1st wife:

1 Isabel Sevier m Francis Allison McFerrie

(1) Nancy m Cornelius W. Coffin

A- John m Thomas L. Williams of Knoxville

children- Ella, Cornelius Coffin, Isabel Sevier m William J. Brownlow, Jr.

(2) B- Robert McFerrie m Emily Moffett of Jefferson county

2 children, both now deceased

(3) Samuel Valentine McFerrie

2 Rezia Sevier m George Jones of Greeneville he d 1846 she d 1888

(1) Mary Jones m Thomas A. Nelson, Jr.

A- Charles Nelson m Martha Chappell of Jackson; she d 1897; no children

B- Mary (Nellie) m Charles F. McTeer both now deceased

(A) Margaret McTeer

C- Valentine Sevier Nelson is a commander in U.S. Navy m Katherine Marchand of Annapolis, Md.

children- Katherine Marchand Nelson and Valentine Sevier Nelson, Jr.

D- Selden Nelson m - Smith

(A) Valentine Sevier Nelson, with L. C. Marr in Louisville

(B) Elizabeth Walton Nelson, student U of Tenn.

(C) Julia Langston Nelson

E- Elizabeth Nelson m John Williams

(A) Mary Nelson Williams, teaches in Knoxville

(2) James Jones m Sarah Barrett of Hot Springs, N.C. After Civil war they located in Savannah, Tenn. he d 1878; she lives in Fanning, Okla.

A- Lizzie m Charles Woods

children - Frederick and Lucretia

B- Rezia m Charles Woods after her sister's death

(A) children- Kate, Louise, Frank, Pauline 2 others - Fanning, Okla.

C- George Jones d about age 22

D- Robert Jones was with McTeer, Food & Co. d at Little Rock, Ark.

E- Mattie Jones lives in Fanning, Okla. (1 place says Fanning)

F- Mary Jones " " " "

(3) Elizabeth Jones m Maj. William Woodson Smith, after Civil war located in Newport, Tenn. she d 1898 he d 1896

A- Mary Smith m John Barrow they live in Abingdon, Va.

ch- Fr. Albert Barrow and Label Barrow

B- Le Witt Smith m Jennie Jones of Newport he d 1898

ch - Charles and Margaret live in Newport

C- Indian Sevier m Katherine Sutton, they live in Newport, have 3 children

D- William Armstrong m

E- Annie Smith m Fred Esperandian, they live in Buffalo, N.Y. no children

(4) Valentine Sevier Jones m John Simpson live in Green county

Several children. Son able to name George, Robert, Paul and Mary

(5) William Thomas Jones was for 23 yrs. deputy county clerk of Tenn. co. 2 Miss Butler of S. Car. both are deceased. *then Mrs. Eliza Plunkett*

Children- George, Walter, Carl, Lucian and Roy are in Texas

34 Robert Sevier b 1808 in Greeneville; entered West Point 1824; was classmate and roommate of Jefferson Davis, both graduated 1828. He was in Black Hawk war of 1832, also in the Florida war of 1837. Resigned Commission Oct. 31, 1837 m Mar. 1, 1831 Ann Hopkins Sibley at St. Charles, Mo. She was a native of Wilmington N. Car. and was the dau of Samuel Sibley. Mrs. Sevier d July 16, 1852. He then m Mrs. Maria Ambree, a sister of Gov. Austin A. King, of Mo. Home was in Richmond.

(1) Son of 1st wife was Charles Sevier m Sue Murrell of Lexington, Mo. m 2nd Anna A. Tines of Richmond, Mo. *He lives in Denver, Colo.*

1st } A- Samuel Murrell Sevier

wf. } B- Isabel Sevier m James Allen McDonald she d Nov. 26, 1898
children- Margaret M., Charles A., Sue T. and Milton

2nd C- Robert physician in Richmond, Mo. m Virginia E. Woodson
wf children- Woodson and Virginia

D- George Field Sevier is Presbyterian minister of Salida, Col. m Bertha Leadingham of N.Y.

child - Margaret Una

E- Mary Rankin Sevier m Fr. Charles Jaeger of Denver
children- Dorothy Love and Emma Louise

F- Anna Hopkin Sevier m Frederick W. Gros attorney at Los Angeles, Cal.
child - Charles Sevier

G- Una Fudd Sevier m George T. Maitland, division engineer of Union Pacific rr,
headquarters at Ogden, Utah

H- Charles Pines Sevier unm.

4 Elizabeth Sevier m Rev. John Whitfield Cunningham, native of Washington co. but for many years a resident of Ill. Both d in Naperville, Ill.

(1) Fannie Cunningham m Mr. Knickerbocker no children

(2) Katherine Cunningham m C.H. Castle they live in Minneapolis, Minn.

(3) John Cunningham unm d young

(4) Lucy Cunningham m Rev. W.C. Porter, pastor for many yrs. of Presbyterian church at Ft. Scott, Kans.

children- Alice, Carolyn, Lucy and William

5 Charles Sevier in 1833 m Elizabeth Briscoe he d 1844

(1) Thomas Sevier m Mary Eliot of Memphis she d 1835 m (paper torn here)

(2) Annie (part of this is torn off) Sevier m T.C. Landers no children

6 Susan Sevier (~~part of this torn off~~) - she was not m d at Kingsport, Tenn.

7 James Sevier b Greeneville Feb. 17, 1814 d Jonesboro, Tenn. June 4, 1887 For 16 yrs. was proprietor of Washington hotel in Jonesboro; Drummers of East Tenn. erected a monument to his memory in Jonesboro m 1st Jane Simpson of Hawkins co. & Eva Neil

(1) Charles appointed to Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1860; when war opened, resigned to fight for South unm lives in Savannah, Tenn.

(2) W. Valentine Sevier was captain in Col. James Ashby's reg. he m Lizzie Moor of Green River, N. Car. He d

son - James Ashby Sevier lives in N. Car.

(3) James Sevier unm

(4) George Jones Sevier d July 1905 in Knoxville m Mary Clure of Hawkins co.
child - Janice

(5) John Sevier m Margaret Greighton of N. Car., lived in Spartanburg, S. Car.
children- Madge, Greighton, Valentine

the above were children of the 1st wife; 2nd wife was Mrs. Eva Moore Neil, who was Miss Brewer. Her Mother was Mary Stuart Carter, dau of Landon Carter, who was the son of John Carter, first settler of Carter co.

(6) Eva Elizabeth Sevier m Fr. J. Preston Park he d Oct. - (torn away)

ch- James Sevier Park and Edward Caruthers Park

(7) Isabel Sevier m George Scott, dean of Otterbein U., Westerville, O. She is an instructor in art and wood carving there

8 David Sevier was app. 1844 by Judge Thomas L. Williams, clerk of Court co. Then Judge Sevier was elected in 1851 by the same court as clerk and master until Judge Luckey's death in 1869

m Annie Netherland of Kingsport, Tenn.

- (1) Annie Netherland Sevier m. Rev. A. M. Carson, Pres. of the minister of children all deceased
- (2) Annie Sevin Sevier m. Robert McCallister; no children
- (3) Isabel Sevier m. Samuel J. Lyle, county clerk of Williams co., Tenn. live in Kingsport, Tenn.

A- Annie Sevier Lyle m. Alexander J. Lyle; live in Bartonsdale, Tenn.

children- Lyle Sevier and George Sevier Lyle

B- Clara Bell Lyle deceased

C- David } live in Kingsport

D- Robert

- (4) Margaret (Lyle) m. Dr. Hanson Morrison of Gate City, Va. son of John Morrison of Bristol

children- Halsdon Jackson, Isabel Lyle, Annie

- (5) - Isabel Lyle m. James H. Hips live in John City - one son, Kenneth

- (6) - Annie m. Charles Volinsey Hips live in Bristol - no children

- (7) Follie m. William Teller live near Kingsport

children- William and Sevier

- (8) David Lyle Sevier now lives in Kingsport

9 Jane Sevier m. Dr. James H. Vance, also a descendant of Charles Robertson

- (1) Charles Robertson Vance, attorney at Bristol, m. Margaret J. Lyle

A- Rev. James I. Vance pastor of North Reform church of Jones, W. Va. m. Annie Carrell of S. Car. - Presbyterian

children- Margaret, William Carrell, James, Helen, Charles

B- Rev. Joseph A. Vance, Presby. minister, pastor of Isle Wren church, Tipton m. Mary Norman of Louisville, Ky.

children- Dorothy, Jesse A., Mary

C- Charles J. Vance, Jr. physician, Warfield, Va. m. Sadie Lyon - no children

D- Margaret J. Vance now lives in Bristol

E- Rebecca J. Vance m. Charles A. Hendrich of Bristol

children- Margaret and Mary

- (2) X- Maria C. Vance m. Rev. John B. King - no children ~~(she is now in Bristol)~~

- (3) Y- Annis Vance d. in infancy

- (4) Y- Lexia Vance now lives in Kingsport

- (5) X- William Vance lawyer of Bluff City, Tenn. m. Fannie Miller - 3 children

A- (X) Ann Vance m. Frank Anderson; Bristol; no children

B- X- Samuel Vance m. Mary Tovers; Bristol; 1 child

C- X- Oliver Vance now; Lynchburg, Va.

D- (X) Ida Bell Vance m. Wila Stevens; Bristol; 3 children

- (6) Fannie Vance m. E. A. Towland; Kingsport; no children

- (7) Joseph S. Vance m. Fannie Cain of Martins co.

A- Charles Vance now

B- Fannie Vance m. William Pearson

son- Samuel Pearson

- (8) James V. Vance m. Miss Foster; both deceased; he was Presbyterian minister

- (9) Jennie Vance d. at 17

10 Dr. William Robertson Sevier contracted cholera in Jonesboro, Tenn. 1873 & there

1882 m. 1st Martha Ellen Cunningham, dau of Dr. Samuel E. Cunningham

2nd (name is torn away)

- (1) Fannie Sevier m. Dr. John

A - Albert Sevier m. Miss Mary Kayser of Branchville, S. Car. Sept. 23, 1887

B- William

C- Guy

D- Archie

E- Isabel d. before she was grown

- (2) Samuel Sevier - died before he was grown

11 Edward Sevier m Mary Hollison Garrett; he is alive at the age of 81; all the children live in Asheville, N. Car.

(1) James Valentine Sevier m Mary Te, holds

A- Dr. Daniel Sevier m Miss Tompleton

B- Dr. Joseph Sevier m Miss Collins

C- James V. Sevier, Jr. m Miss

D- Mary

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G- Charles um

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(2) Hattie Sevier m Henry Reynolds he d 1897

A- Edward Reynolds m Miss Hoffman, Asheville

B- William Reynolds m Miss Turnbull, Asheville

C- Sallie Reynolds m L. F. Keener, White Pine

D- Joseph Reynolds m Miss Schnelle of Cincinnati, they live near Asheville

E- Susan Reynolds m William W. Bean, of Knoxville

F- Walter Reynolds um, lives in Philadelphia

G- Charles lives in Asheville

H- Mary " " "

I- Hattie " " "

J- John " " "

K- Lewis " " "

L- Lucy Reynolds " " "

(3) Sallie Sevier um lives in Asheville, N. Car.

(4) Joseph Sevier um " " "

12 Joseph Sevier m Dec. 2, 1858 Hattie I. Broyles of Savannah, Tenn. He enlisted in Co. G, 1st Confederate Cavalry with Captain J. W. Irwin. He served as lieutenant and while leading the command in the absence of Capt. Irwin, he was killed in battle at Peachtree Creek near Atlanta, July 22, 1864. Mrs. Sevier d about 1907

(1) Lewis V. Sevier m Dec. 23, 1890 to Ida Paine, dau Capt. T. H. Paine of Jackson, Tenn.

ch- Joseph Hadden, Lewis V., Jr. and Adelaide

(2) Hattie Maria Sevier um lives in Savannah, Tenn.

(3) Dr. Robert J. Sevier m Jennie Campbell of Macon, Miss. Jan. 24, 1895 (he d May 2, 1901)

A- Robert J. Sevier Jr.

B- John Rea Sevier

The above 12 children were children of the 1st wife of Valentine Sevier; the following were children of the 2nd wife:

13 Charles Sevier m Julia T. Brown dau of Joseph Brown of Greeneville, Tenn. April 20, 1871; lived in Bristol for over 20 yrs.

(1) Wilbur Sevier m Leta Montague of Va. ; live in Bristol

ch - Dorothy and Lyman

(2) Harry Sevier m Etta Foote - live in Kansas

A - Juliaetta Sevier

(3) Rev. Joseph F. Sevier m Edith Love of St. Louis; he is pastor of 3rd Presby.

A- Virginia Sevier (church of Alexandria, Va.)

(4) Eloise Sevier m H. H. Shelton of Va. ; live in Bristol; he is an attorney

14 Henry Sevier m Bell McCaughy of Greenville, Tenn.

(1) Samuel lives in Atlanta

(2) Lyman is in Chicago

(3) Victor address unknown

Henry (14) was on the editorial staff of the Knoxville Tribune in 1886. He was also in Atlanta for awhile and later was editor of the Macon, Ga. Telegraph; he then went to Jacksonville, Fla., where he d

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